

SEARS NAMED 'MAN OF THE YEAR'

Student Reports on Model Legislature

(The following is a report of last week's Model Legislature in Sacramento at which Steve Smith and David Shinoda represented the Torrance YMCA).

By STEVE SMITH
Torrance YMCA delegates returned home from Model Legislature in Sacramento, Sunday morning very tired, but knowing that they had gained a wonderful experience by seeing and being a part of this great citizenship training program for boys and girls.

Senator David Shinoda introduced the bill from Torrance for the first time Thursday afternoon in the committee meeting. Our bill came under the committee title of Vehicle operation, there being nine different committees in all. After passing five other bills that were referred to the same committee, Dave and I were on, our bill came before the committee. It was read, talked about, debated on, and finally passed unanimously by a 150 vote, and at this time the bill was referred to the Senate.

Unfortunately, it did not get through the Senate because of lack of time, although everyone we talked to on the train, at banquets, or wherever lobbying was legal, seemed to like the bill very much, and said that they would have voted for it if it would have come before the House.

The bill which Sen. Shinoda and I went to Sacramento with this year was introduced last year also, except by two girls who were also supposed to attend this year again but, could not because of complications, so during the committee meetings and also during the sessions in the Senate and Assembly, Mr. Shinoda and myself were referred to by the names, Linda Halberg and Alex Merola.

On opening morning, after all the formal procedures were almost over, James R. Andrews, who was speaker of the Assembly was arriving at the point in his speech where he was supposed to introduce the Youth Governor, Dave Echola, for the first time, so when he finally finished building him up, he said, "and here is his excellency—his excellency—um"—and at this point he turned around and asked the Governor what his name was!

Saturday morning there were quite a few delegates getting up and asking for a point of personal privilege, and then asking to leave if there were no objections, therefore our quorum kept getting smaller and smaller. Finally one of the Assembly men rose and made a motion that no one could leave unless it were an act of God or nature. So during the time they were talking about voting on this motion, a fellow Assemblyman stood up and asked for a point of personal privilege, when he was granted this privilege, he said: "Mr. Speaker, it is very necessary for me to leave this room because of an act of nature."

During the time that Dave and I were in Sacramento, we met Assemblyman Clayton Dills and a lobbyist for the California Trucking Assn. Mr. Dills gave David and me both, a book titled Handbook California Legislature and an official seal of the State of California.

Of course, the Model Legislature is not all work and no play, by any means. Thursday night we had a wonderful time and a good meal at a banquet held especially for us. Then the top affair of the week took place Friday night at the Youth Governor's Ball. We also had a banquet Friday night before the Ball.

In attendance altogether, there were 318 boys and girls representing 70 YMCAs and YMCA branches throughout the state. There were also about 75 adult advisors.

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Still Shocked
"I'm still in a state of shock," Sears said yesterday.

Sears is a past president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club and has been a member since 1936. He is also past president of the Chamber of Commerce and is a present director of that group.

His present pre-occupation is with the formation of a downtown assessment district to provide off-street parking in Torrance. He is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce parking committee.

Third Winner
Sears was given the huge trophy which was made available by widows of Dr. Laughon and Mr. Whyte. Sears is the third winner of the trophy; previous winners were Mervin M. Schwab and Loranger.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year were introduced by the new president, John Ebbinghouse, plant manager of American Rock Wool Corp. here. The outgoing president, Loranger, who had served two terms, was given an engraved gavel as a token of the office he held. Loranger is the founder and co-owner of Paul's Chevrolet.

Following the trophy presentation, Henry Kearns, vice president of the United States Chamber of Commerce and a San Gabriel auto dealer spoke on the local implications contained in the Hoover Commission report.

Seek Suspect In Shotgun Attack Here
Juvenile officers are continuing their investigation into the shotgun shooting of a 15-year-old Torrance boy here last week, which brought minor injuries to the victim as he stood with friends near a car at 203rd St. and Arlington Ave.

Authorities said the boy, who was helping to push a car from in front of a driveway near the intersection, was hit in the face by the blast but not hurt seriously.

According to reports of the shooting, a car zoomed past the group and a single blast was fired toward the boys. The car was traveling on Arlington Ave., toward the downtown district.

Police said they are not sure what type of weapon was used in the attack, however, the wound probably was inflicted by pellets from a shotgun, they continued.

The victim received emergency treatment and then was released.

The shooting occurred at about 8:45 p.m., Tuesday, officers said.

Barefoot Man Attacks Woman Here
A barefooted intruder, who broke into a Torrance home, asked for money, then assaulted a local housewife, is being sought by detectives, it was learned yesterday.

The 31-year-old victim of the attack said she was asleep early Saturday morning when she awoke to find the suspect in her bedroom. The victim's husband was out at the time.

She told detectives the man repeatedly asked for money, then attacked her when she said she had no money. Police said the man apparently gained entry with a pass key, since the door was locked when the woman went to bed, but was unlocked after the attack.

The intruder was described by the victim as being about 5'8" tall, between 30 and 40 years and about 150 pounds.

Lad Hurts Foot On Oil Pumping Equipment Here

Painfully injured late Saturday when he caught his foot in moving oil-well pumping equipment in south Torrance was 9-year-old Glenn Allred, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Allred, 1612 Cronshaw Blvd.

Glenn received a broken left foot when he caught his foot in a moving flywheel while exploring a well near 231st St. and Eshelman Ave. with his brother, Douglas, 12.

The two boys had gone to visit friends on Arlington Ave. just west of the well, their mother said this week. Not finding their friends home, they walked into the oil field to "see what was going on."

It was at a well identified as the McHenry No. 1, licensed to C. O. Rodabaugh, of Compton, that Glenn was injured.

A fourth grader at Nativity School, Glenn now is home, where doctors say he will have to wait until the swelling is reduced before a cast is put on the broken foot.

Committee To Review City History

Formation of a citizen's committee to draft a brief history of the city and its form of government, including the formation of the Torrance Unified School District, was approved by the City Council this week.

The recommendation of Councilman Nick Dralle, brought up by Dralle, who said it was his belief that a majority of Torrance residents are not acquainted with the stormy background which resulted in the withdrawal of the schools from the Los Angeles School District and the approval of the Torrance city charter, the committee will review all of the material available in making the report.

Mervin M. Schwab, who will retire from the Council next month, was named chairman of the committee.

Nominated by Dralle for the committee, were Frank S. Selover, former editor of the HERALD who initiated and personally guided the program for withdrawing the schools from Los Angeles; C. T. Rippey, city attorney at the time; and A. H. Bartlett, city clerk here for more than 30 years.

Mounted Police Schedule Dance

Torrance Mounted Police celebrate their third anniversary at a dance and fun-fest Saturday night at the American Legion Hall, 5108 Border Ave. Festivities start at 9 p.m.

Members of the local mounted unit have been selling 25 tickets to the affair all week. They invite all residents to attend and buy their tickets at the door Saturday if they have failed to purchase tickets prior to dance time.

Music will be furnished by Slim Edwards and his Rocky Mountain Playboys, but will not be limited to strictly western musical interpretation, Dance Chairman Leslie G. Schmoek said.

Assisting Schmoek in planning for the affair are Charlie Gotta, Jack Phillips and Dave Birdsong.

Door prizes will be awarded also at the dance.

Meanwhile, TMP riders are practicing for their next appearance, slated for March 11, at the Mount Wilson Festival, at Quarts Hill, near Lancaster.

El Nido Playground Equipment Approved

Installation of badly-needed playground equipment at El Nido Park was approved by the board of county supervisors this week, at the request of Supervisor Kenneth Flinn.

The equipment, which will be purchased and installed in about 30 days, includes one six-unit swing, two slides, one set of teeter, one set of larger children, and a horizontal slide.

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CITY HAS SIXTH TRAFFIC FATALITY IN TWO MONTHS

Mother of Torrance Man Killed Here Sunday Evening When Struck by Auto

This city recorded its sixth traffic death Sunday night when Mrs. Jessie Osborne, 68, of San Pedro, died at Harbor General Hospital after being struck by a car on Western Ave., near 233rd St.

Services will be held today for the victim, who was the mother of Harold J. Osborne, of 3026 Torrance Blvd. Rev. Willis E. Combs, of the Torrance Church of God, will officiate at final rites at the Church of the Flowers, Forest Lawn.

Burial will follow services at Forest Lawn Cemetery with the Helms-Lewis Mortuary handling arrangements.

The victim was walking north on Western Ave. on the west side of the street at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, when she was struck by a car driven by Henry W. Sellers, 30, of Downey. He was not held.

Sellers' car was traveling south on Western Ave. at the time of the mishap, police reported.

She was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment, but died at about 8:30 p.m., according to reports of the accident.

Mrs. Osborne was a native of Illinois and had lived in the San Pedro area for the past 15 years. In addition to her son here, she is survived by sons W. H. Osborne, of San Leandro,



(Herald Photo) City and County officials toured the Dominguez Channel here Tuesday morning for an on-the-spot investigation of the problems faced here during heavy rainfalls such as the city experienced in January. Here, left to right, are M. E. Salisbury, senior assistant chief engineer of the county flood control district; Richard Newton, field deputy for Supervisor Burton W. Chace; Councilman Nick Dralle; and Ed Nobbe, vice president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. They are checking the channel at Arlington Ave.

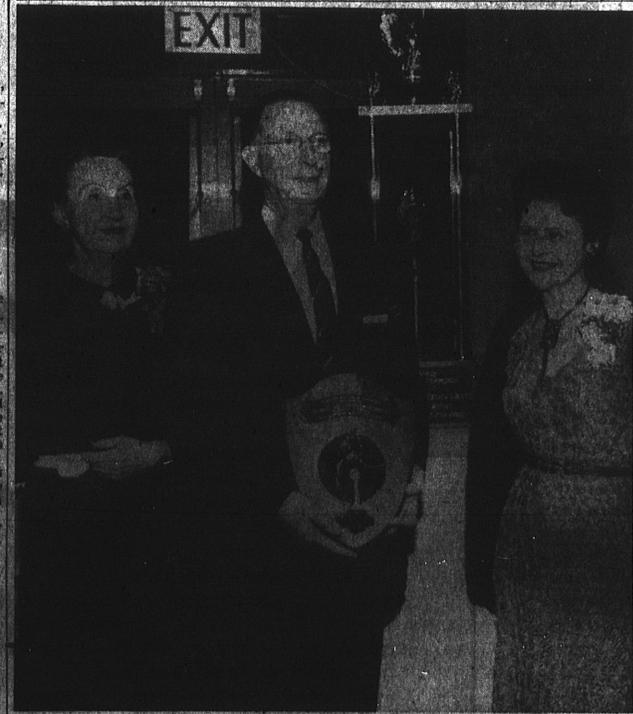
Articles Worth \$3000 Taken

A series of burglaries at the Kauffman Construction Co. tract, Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds., was extended over the week end when raiders got approximately \$3000 in hardware from a garage on the grounds.

Construction officials said the hardware, which was to be used in new homes being built by the company, included locks and other articles.

Authorities said the burglars gained entrance to the storage building by forcing latches on the door.

The tract has been hit by other costly burglaries in recent weeks.



(Herald Photo) Dean L. Sears accepts the "Man of the Year" trophy from the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday night. Sears, manager of the Bank of America here since 1935, succeeds Paul Loranger as winner of the perpetual trophy.

HERALD COOK-O-RAMA SCHEDULED IN MARCH

Homemakers who are about to charge into the age-old chaos of turning the house foppy-tory—cleaning, painting, remodeling the kitchen—will find lots of information about new appliances at COOK-O-RAMA, the HERALD's great two-day homemaking event scheduled for March 22 and 23, at the Civic Auditorium.

The showings of latest model automatic gas ranges; Serey Ice Cerver and gas clothes dryers, including cooking demonstrations and how to dry all types of fabrics will be from 1:30 to 3:30 each afternoon.

Margie Ewen, charming home economist of the gas company, has planned two remarkable programs and advance notice of this affair is given so plans may be made now to attend both.

You'll see the new automatic gas ranges that are miracles of the cooking world! With this one appliance you can accomplish the work of dozens of small appliances: automatic top-burner, thermostat, controls that hold pan temperature perfectly for frying, stewing, simmering, sauteing, coffee making and steaming; rotisseries that bring barbecuing pleasure into the house all year round; plug in meat thermometer in the oven that judge the exact doneness of roast and then shut off oven heat; built-in griddles with temperature controls.

Best of all, you'll see the new super-speed clothes dryers in action, see the way to handle the most delicate of the new fabrics usually left for hand washing and drying.

Auto Warehouse Hit

Burglars, probably juveniles, according to detectives, raided a local auto concern's warehouse last week end and got away with 12 tires and wheels valued at \$700.

Authorities said the raiders entered the structure, at 203rd St. and Arlington Ave., through an open window.



MRS. MARGIE EWEN... Here for Cook-O-Rama

TWO HURT IN CAR COLLISION FRIDAY

Two Los Angeles men were hurt here Friday morning in a traffic collision at 190th St. and Falsa Ave.

Treated by a private physician for injuries sustained in the wreck were Tom Rhodes, 55, and Sylvester Friss, 41.

Cars driven by Rhodes and Lois Joan Wilcox, 22, of 2227 Marjorie were involved in the crash, police said.